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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Touching Spirit Bear

Author:

Ben Mikaelson

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Keep reading. Keep wondering.
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How to Answer

Your answer does not have to be perfect. Just answer in complete thoughts and use details from the chapter.

How to structure your answer

A strong answer usually has a few parts. Try these steps:

- 1. **Answer the question.** Start with one sentence that answers the question directly.
- 2. **Give an example.** Add a detail or moment from the chapter that shows what you mean.
- 3. **Explain why.** Tell why it mattered, or how it made you think or feel.
- 4. **Wrap it up.** Finish with a closing thought, a question, or a prediction.

What role does Garvey play in Cole's life so far? Use evidence from the chapter to support your answer.

Example answer: I think Garvey is like a guide for Cole, even when Cole does not want help. Garvey does not just excuse Cole's actions, but he also does not give up on him. In this chapter, Garvey's words make it seem like he wants Cole to understand responsibility, not just avoid punishment. That makes Garvey important because he pushes Cole to look at himself.

Chapter 28

What important idea from this final chapter connects to the title Touching Spirit Bear? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

Looking back over the story so far, what is one way Cole has changed, even a little? What caused that change?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

What lesson about anger does Cole seem to be learning or resisting right now?
Example answer: Cole seems to be learning that anger can hurt him as much as it hurts other people. He often acts tough, but his anger makes his choices worse. I think he is still resisting the lesson because he wants to blame others instead of looking at his own actions. The chapter shows that controlling anger is not quick or easy for him.

What prediction can you make about Cole's next step, based only on what has happened so far?
Example answer: I predict that Cole will have to make a choice that shows whether he is really changing or only pretending. So far, adults like Garvey and Edwin have tried to help him, but Cole still has to decide for himself. I think the next step will be hard because he cannot fix everything with words. He will need to prove his change through actions.

Chapter 1

In this chapter, what problem or conflict feels most important for Cole Matthews? How does he react to it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

How does the author help you understand pain, healing, or forgiveness without making it seem easy?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

What is a hard decision a character faces in this chapter? What would you do in that situation?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

What do you learn so far about why Cole has trouble taking responsibility for his actions?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

How does the setting, such as the Circle Justice meeting or the Alaskan island, affect the mood of this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

How do symbols, such as the bear, the fire, the pond, or other natural things, add meaning to this part of the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

What lesson about anger does Cole seem to be learning or resisting right now?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Which words or phrases in this chapter help you picture Cole's anger, fear, or loneliness?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What role does Garvey play in Cole's life so far?
Use evidence from the chapter to support your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

How does this chapter show the difference between saying sorry and truly making things right?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

Which character do you feel the most sympathy for in this chapter, and what made you feel that way?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

How does Edwin's advice or behavior show a different way to think than Cole's?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What choice does Cole make in this chapter, and what does that choice reveal about him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

What prediction can you make about Cole's next step, based only on what has happened so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

How does the island setting make Cole face himself in a way he might avoid at home?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

How are Peter Driscoll and his family affected by what has happened? What feelings do you notice?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What do you think the Spirit Bear represents so far? Explain your idea with details from the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

What is one sign that Cole is beginning to understand something, or one sign that he still refuses to understand?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

How does Cole's relationship with one adult, such as Garvey, Edwin, a parent, or another adult, change or stay the same?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

When Cole blames other people, what does that show about his character at this point?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

What moment in this chapter made you feel surprised, worried, or hopeful? Why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Choose an important word from this chapter. What does it mean, and why does it matter to the scene?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

What does this chapter suggest about justice: should it be mostly punishment, healing, or both?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

How does the author use nature to teach Cole or challenge him in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

What is one question you have after reading this chapter, and what clues might help answer it later?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Compare Cole's outside behavior with what he may be feeling inside. How are they alike or different?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
